

# DOORA BAREFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Mass Times

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan	
Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri	9.30am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6pm
St. Breacan's Church, Doora	
Sunday	9.45am
Immaculate Conception, Barefield	
Sunday	11.15am
Tuesday	9.30am
<a href="http://www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam">www.doorabarefieldparish.ie/webcam</a>	



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Fourth Sunday of Lent - (Year C) 27th March, 2022

## THE HIDDEN MOTHER

The gospel today is that of the Prodigal Son whose story we are all familiar with from our childhood days. It challenges us to act like the forgiving father in the story, who ran out to greet his repentant son, rejoiced in his homecoming and killed a fatted calf for a celebration in his honour.

The father was prepared to lay aside any just grievance he had against his son and wipe clean the slate of all the wrong and hurt he inflicted on his father and his family. The question is simply this: could you or I be so generous in our forgiving?

An aspect of the prodigal son story that always grabs my attention is the fact that the three main characters of the story are men: the father, the older son, and the prodigal son. I wonder where the mother in the story was. I like to think that she was not deliberately overlooked, but that like all strong mothers she played a hidden role behind the scenes.

It was she who prompted the father to lay aside any misgivings and told him to put it all behind him and go now and welcome your son!

Too, later on, it was she who sent the father to the elder son and tells him to get over himself and come inside and join in the celebrations. Meanwhile, she may have had a quiet word with the prodigal son and told him to behave himself in future.

Coincidentally, today is Mother's Day and we honour all mothers. This Sunday is also called Laetare or rejoicing

Sunday when the Church pauses Lent to celebrate the joys of life and Church membership. It is a good day to celebrate all our mothers.

Just as we acknowledge the hidden mother of the gospel story, we acknowledge too the many hidden and unsung qualities of our good mothers and all mothers worldwide. We do more than acknowledge our mothers – we rejoice in them!



**Priest on Duty 27th March, 2022.**  
**Contact: Fr. David Carroll 065 6869098**

**Remembered in Masses this week**

CHURCH OF OUR LADY  
 ROSLEVAN

**26th March:** Martin Heaney, Corrovorrin Drive.  
**3rd April:** No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH, DOORA

**27th March:** Anne & Pat Horan & Deceased Family,  
 Castletown.  
**3rd April:** Ita Cleary, Tulla Rd. MM.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE  
 CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

**27th March:** Ann & Flan Lyons, Larchill.  
**3rd April:** Vincent Canny, Derry, Barefield.

**9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.**

**First Friday Mass 1st April at Church of the Immaculate  
 Conception, Barefield 7pm.**

**Finance Development Fund**

**20th March, 2022**

Barefield: €138.02

Doora: €41.05

Church of Our Lady: €67.45

Development: €1259.02

*Míle Buíochas*

**Stations of the Cross:** You are welcome to come and join in praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7pm during Lent at St. Brecan's Church, Doora.

**Praying for Peace** Prayer meeting in Barefield Church every Thursday from 11am to 12 noon in presence of the blessed sacrament. All welcome.



**Special GOAL MILE** in aid of victims of war in Ukraine in Fairgreen, Ennis on Sunday 27th March between 11am & 1pm.



**RIP**

**Remember in your prayers**

**Mannix Berry,**  
 Cappaghbeg, Barefield.

**Kathleen (Kitty) McDermott,** Cavan,  
 Mother of Michéal McDermott, Ballyduff.

**Mary Hanrahan née O' Brien,** Stonepark, Barefield,

*The Light of Heaven to them.*



**Ministers of Eucharist  
 & Readers**



**This week:**

COur Lady:	SGarvey, PMockler/MDilleen	Michael Guilfoyle
Barefield:	BGalvin/MO'Loughlin	Carmel McGovern
Doora:	Martha Neylon	Marie Flanagan

**Next week:**

COur Lady:	TBohannon/DLeahy/MO'Callaghan	Catherine Purcell
Barefield:	Liam Murphy/Mary Hassett	Maeve Fox
Doora:	Owen O'Mahony	Eamon O'Halloran



**Doora Sacristan Rota**

27th March: Owen O'Mahony  
 3rd April: Patricia Hassett

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**



From shame to celebration, from humiliation to joy – even before the son has time to humble himself, the father embraces him, lifts him up and celebrates with him and for him. This is the supreme example of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**The Abbey Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service will be on Monday 11 April at 7.30pm in the Cathedral of Ss Peter & Paul, Ennis.**

Reflections, scripture and music will be part of this prayerful celebration and a number of priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You are very welcome to join us.

**Census 3rd April**

It's quick, it's confidential and it's compulsory. Every five years there is a census in Ireland and this year it will happen on Sunday 3rd April. Where ever you sleep on that night is where you should be included on a census form.



**Parent & Toddler Group** will not meet this Tuesday 29th as the hall is occupied. Back on Tuesday 5th April. Closed for Easter Holidays on Tuesday 12th & 19th April.

## LOURDES 2022



After an absence of two years, due to the Covid pandemic our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes resumes again this year from 28th June to 3rd July, direct from Shannon Airport. Sick or assisted pilgrims will not travel this year. Cost €739 to €759 depending on the choice of hotel, Agena or La Solitude.

To reserve your place please contact Joe Walsh Tours -Tel; 01-2410800 , email: [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie) Post: Joe Walsh Tours 69 O'Connell Street Dublin 1

The autumn pilgrimage will take place from 2nd to 7th October 2022. Enquiries to Fr Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director 087- 2349816 or [tfryan.ennis@gmail.com](mailto:tfryan.ennis@gmail.com)

The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses on the weekend of 26/27 March to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion.



The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region.

You can donate at Masses this weekend, by leaving donation into parish office or online at [www.doorabarefieldparish.com/donate](http://www.doorabarefieldparish.com/donate).

Please be as generous as possible. **Thank you.**

**First Friday of April** - If you, or someone you know would like a First Friday call from Fr. Tom, please contact the Parish Office on 6822225 of Fr. Tom on 087 272 0187. First Friday Mass 1st April Church of the Immaculate Conception, Barefield 7pm.



**Congratulations to Tony Butler,** member of the Irish Rugby Under 20s Team that won the Six Nations Grand Slam recently. Doing the Parish proud. Comhghairdeas Tony!



Don't forget clocks go forward one hour this Sunday morning at 2am.

## THE PAT BOGUE 6K



**Help Children Help Themselves Fun Run/Walk—Honouring the Leader**  
Sunday April 3rd @ 1pm—€10 entry; Family €20  
Registration at the Clare Crusaders Clinic from 12 noon.  
Online @ <https://eventmaster.ie/event/d2y4FnGSwV>  
All proceeds in aid of the Clare Crusaders Children's Clinic

**Annual Matt Talbot Novena** will continue on Wednesday, 30th March at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr Martin Shanahan who currently serves in the Parish of Inagh will deliver the reflection. Petitions may be left at the shrine in Tulla church during the Novena. All welcome.

### *HAPPY MOTHERS DAY A Prayer for Mothers*



We pray for young mothers who give life and count toes and tend to every need. May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.



### **Doora Barefield GAA Lotto**

Next weeks Jackpot €11,800  
Venue: Clubhouse: Winners of €50  
Ian Carolan, Kilfilm  
James Pilkington,  
Sean McNamara, Newhall  
Tom Curran, Ballyalla  
*Thank you for your support*



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who are in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling  
breast.

### PENITENTIAL RITE

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord

C. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

C. And grant us your salvation.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to  
everlasting life.

C. Amen.

## A reading from the book of Joshua

Jos 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

### The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

R: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. R

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. R

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. R

## A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

2 Cor 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ;

it is as though God were appearing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

### The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!*

*I will leave this place and go to my father and say:*

*'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'*

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 15:1-3.11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

Now the elder son was out in the fields, and

on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

## The Gospel of the Lord

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Communion Antiphon

You must rejoice,  
my son for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.